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SUBJ:JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM LENINGRAD

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1. CONGEN SOURCES INDICATE THERE MAY BE SOME EASING RECENTLY IN RECONSIDERATION OF SEVERAL LONGSTANDING JEWISH REFUSENIK CASES IN LENINGRAD. AT SAME TIME, ONE REFUSENIK JUST RECEIVED THIRD REFUSAL ON BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT AT SPECIAL MILITARY INSTITUTE WHICH ENDED IN 1964.

2. ON POSITIVE SIDE, TWO REFUSENIK FAMILIES WHO WERE ORIGINALLY REFUSED IN 1973 WERE REPORTEDLY TOLD "BY LOCAL KGB AGENT" THAT IT IS NOW A "GOOD TIME TO REAPPLY." ANOTHER FAMILY, FIRST REFUSED IN 1975, WAS RECENTLY TOLD BY OVIR TO REAPPLY SINCE "NOW YOU WILL GET PERMISSION." IN A FOURTH CASE, INVOLVING INITIAL APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMISSION, A FAMILY WHERE THE WIFE'S FATHER IS IN THE UNITED STATES APPLIED FOR EMIGRATION TO THE U.S. AND RECEIVED A REFUSAL AFTER THREE MONTH WAIT. FAMILY IMMEDIATELY REAPPLIED FOR RMIGRATION TO ISRAEL AND RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION WITHIN ONE WEEK.

3. THESE REPORTS OF FAVORABLE RECONSIDERATION OF EMIGRATION APPLICATIONS ARE FIRST SIGN OF ANY THAW HERE DURING PAST YEAR. CONGEN HOPES THAT REPORTED EASING MAY AUGUR WELL
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FOR YELENA OLIKER AND DAUGHTER SINCE TWO OF THE RECONSIDER-

ATIONS INVOLVE PERSONS ORIGINALLY REFUSED ON BASIS OF EMPLOYMENT
AT SAME INSTITUTE WHERE MRS. OLIKER WAS EMPLOYED. SHE WILL
BE REAPPLYING TO OVIR IN FEBRUARY AND WE WILL THEN SEE
WHETHER CONGEN'S APPROACH TO OVIR IN HER BEHALF (REFTEL B)
AND/OR REPORTED RELAXATION IN REFUSAL RECONSIDERATIONS WILL
PERMIT HER DEPARTURE.
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